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NOTE FOR: DDCI

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Attached is a copy of the guidelines we discussed regarding GAO's request for information/data about certain contracts

[redacted] OLL informs me that GAO has accepted these guidelines providing they are allowed to take notes, which we would be permitted to review and classify as appropriate. They also indicated that they would provide us an advance copy of their final draft report on this matter for comment and classification.

Please let me know if these arrangements are agreeable.

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Daniel A. Childs, Jr.

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*For review 7/19/84*  
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*no problem with*  
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NOTE FOR THE DDA

Harry,

The following is my understanding of what was agreed to at the meeting with the DDCI on GAO's request for information/data regarding certain contracts

- As a matter of policy, GAO is not permitted to audit CIA activities; our cooperation on this issue, therefore, should not be viewed as a precedent.
- We should establish agreed guidelines at the outside to govern the extent of GAO access.
- ① -- GAO will not be provided any documentation for retention; nor will they be allowed access to the studies resulting from the contracts under question.
- ② -- GAO will be allowed access to the contract/financial files for the contracts under question; they will also be allowed access to Agency procurement regulations.
- ③ -- GAO will be allowed to interview appropriate DDI and DDA personnel responsible for executing and monitoring these contracts; they may also be briefed in general terms about the results of the contracts.

Please let me know if this is consistent with your understanding so that I can take appropriate steps with GAO.

*D.A.*  
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Comptroller

cc: ExDir

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